

REMARKS

The Office Action dated 12/28/2004 has been carefully reviewed.

The drawings and disclosure have been objected to for the reasons stated in the Office Action. Claims 1-50 stand allowed.

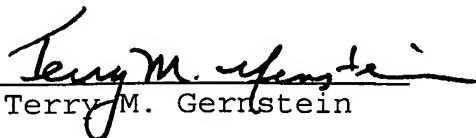
The drawings and the specification have been amended to overcome the objections stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, no further comments will be directed to these portions of the Office Action. The drawing figures have been amended to label Figures 3 and 4 as "Prior Art" and the specification has been amended to delete reference to the patent document that the Examiner identified as being an incorrect number as well as to place Equation 20 (page 12) in the correct font size.

As all Claims stand allowed, and prosecution on the merits has been closed, no comments will be directed to the claims.

The non-patent documents cited in the specification are enclosed herewith in an Information Disclosure Statement. A fee as required by 37 CFR 1.17(p) is also enclosed.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, review and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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REPLACEMENT FIGURES